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The North Carolina Chapter

Ms. Jennifer Seiger - District Governor
Ms. Wendy Jones - President
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Dr. Gennard Lombardozi - Secretary
Ms. Angela Santucci - Treasurer
Dr. Jennifer Bryant-Pederson - Social Media/Webmaster
Ms. Susan Young - Pianist Liason
Dr. Sally Thomas - Board Member at Large

Call to Order and Reading of Minutes

- A meeting of the NC NATS Executive Board was held virtually via Zoom on Saturday, October 10th, 2020 at 4:00pm.
- President, Wendy Jones, called the meeting to order at 4:17 pm.
- In attendance were Angela Santucci, Jennifer Seiger, Wendy Jones, Brittnee Siemon, Gennard Lombardozi, Sally Thomas, and Jennifer Bryant-Pederson.
- Minutes from the spring Executive Board Meeting were read by Secretary, Gennard Lombardozi and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer, Angela Santucci.

-As of this date, our chapter is in good shape financially with possibly enough funds to donate to National scholarship funds. Money continues to be saved by not attending live events.

Ms. Seiger moved to accept the report

Dr. Siemon seconded.

The report was approved.

Vice-President/Audition Chair Report

Vice - President, Britnee Siemon reported on the fall auditions.

-Registration open for online submission.

-Currently 128 students registered and 28 students for fall auditions.

-Discussion was had in regard to the timeline between the deadline of video submission and video vetting before judging begins. When registration closes, Dr. Siemon will look to judge registration and vetting music with the board.

-Plan on using the weekend Oct. 23,24,25 before judging begins to take care of issues with videos, etc.

-More will take shape in the weeks to come.

“Such a fascinating process. People are so interesting.” - Dr. Siemon

Social Media/Webmaster Update

Dr. Pedersen gave the report.

-Updates to the website, but there was a period of time where it went under due to domain issues. Everything updated disappeared. It has been fixed.

-Everything needed is on the state website under “Musical theatre” for the fall auditions. Tutorials, letters, etc.

-Social media will ramp up when it gets closer. Recitals will be on facebook.

-There was discussion about how to quickly send videos for the online recital, after winners have been chosen.

-We advised ourselves not to freak out.

Collaborative Piano Liason Update

-Nothing to report - Ms. Susan Young was not in attendance

District Governor’s Report

District Governor, Jennifer Seiger reported.

-We are up 5 members.

- We are the leading chapter in membership.
- One of the new members is an academy. The academy shouldn't be a teacher. The individual teachers need to register and we need to make sure that happens.
- Ms. Seiger suggested that we put something in writing in the handbook stating our policy regarding emeritus members. They don't pay dues but if they have a student in an audition, they need to pay the registration fees. Ms. Seiger will update the handbook in that regard.

Dr. Siemon - Moved to accept the added wording by Ms. Seiger for the handbook
Ms. Jones - Seconded
Motion approved

- Ms. Seiger is forming a committee to expand diversity in our district and beyond. Reaching out to educators of color and underrepresented communities. A list of names is being created to form the committee.

Spring Auditions

Dr. Siemon moves that we do auditions virtually in the spring.
Ms. Seiger seconds the motion.
Accepted.

- January will more than likely have to be the application deadline for February due to the video vetting process. More discussion needs to be had in regard to the submission deadline and judging dates. The hopeful success of the fall auditions and it's chosen timeline will inform the decisions made in the spring.

New Business

Ms. Jones reported.

- For online auditions, lists of winners will need to be published online and accessible to the membership.
- A document of the recitalists will also need to be published. Used to have a list of the winners.
- Awards for highschool students in the fall auditions need to be given out somehow.
- 1st place winners sing against each other for awards and a protocol for that needs to be established. Video of the recital will run on facebook live. It was suggested that a separate announcement of awards can be broadcast after recital video is out. Three judges could be chosen before the recital goes online and can make their choices for winners in advance. The winners can then be announced directly following the recital.
- Promote American Negro Spirituals category. Hall Johnson in even years and American Negro Spirituals in odd years.
- If possible we would like to make a donation to National for their scholarship fund. They need \$3500 to start the fund. Ms. Santucci stated that we are \$2000 ahead of where we were last year. A \$500 donation could be possible but the number will be decided

at the next meeting..

-Students will get their money via checks. Teachers will distribute.

Dr. Siemon moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Ms. Santucci seconded.

Approved

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12pm.

Upcoming Dates

NATS Student Auditions: North Carolina Chapter Fall Conference: Music Theater and CCM Categories

November 13-14, 2020 VIRTUAL AUDITIONS

SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION TBA

NATS Student Auditions: North Carolina Chapter Spring Conference: Classical Categories

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NATS Regional Student Auditions: Mid-Atlantic Region

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